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Applicant(s): **Agnello et al.** Examiner:
Serial No. : Art Unit:
Filing Date: Docket No.: **BU9-98-183-US2**
Title: **WET CLEANS FOR COBALT DISILICIDE PROCESSING**

Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to initial examination on the merits, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert The following paragraph between lines 1
and 2 on page 1.

A¹ This application is a divisional of Serial No.
09/296,338, filed on April 22, 1999.

The paragraphs beginning on page 2, line 8 and ending
on page 3, line 21 are replaced by the following paragraphs:

A² The present invention provides a structure, comprising
a layer of cobalt disilicide, wherein the layer of cobalt
disilicide is substantially free of cobalt monosilicide, and